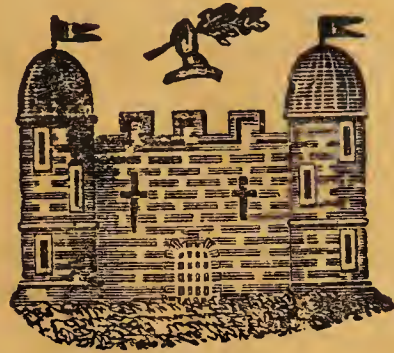


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FOR THE  
Year Ended 31st December, 1937.

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# KNARESBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## *Medical Officer's Annual Report for the Year ended Dec. 31st, 1937*

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*To the Chairman and Councillors of the Knaresborough Rural  
District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year 1937.

The Report is on the lines suggested by the Ministry of Health.

I am indebted to your Clerk and Sanitary Inspector for their help in preparing statistics of sanitary matters, housing and other details.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. FORBES,

May, 1938.

*Medical Officer of Health.*



### Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officer of Health	W. J. Forbes, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.
Sanitary Inspector	A. E. W. Lupton, C.R.S.I.
Food Inspector	... .. A. E. W. Lupton, C.R.S.I.

### Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area,

Area (acres)	37,340
Registrar-General's Estimate of Resident Population	10,270
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1937)	2,994
Rateable Value (1st April, 1937)	£85,675
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Estimated)	£315
Social Conditions: Farming is the chief occupation of the inhabitants. Not much Unemployment.	
Total Male Female	
Live Births	{ Legitimate .... 108      62      46 } Total ... 115
	{ Illegitimate .... 7      3      4 }
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population...	11.11
Still Births, 9. Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	72
Deaths—Males, 47 ; Females, 63	110
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated Resident Population	10.71
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	Nil
Total	Nil

### Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 live births	17.4
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	9.2
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	142.6
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	20
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Nil

There has not been any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment.

There are no conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health and there is no evidence, statistical or otherwise that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults.

### Causes of Death at All Ages.

The principal causes of death were :—Cancer, 20; Heart Disease, 17; Apoplexy, 7; Respiratory and other Tuberculosis 3; Bronchitis, 6 and Pneumonia, 3.

### Population.

The population of the district at the census in 1931 was 9,297. The estimated population for 1937 by the Registrar-General was 10,270.

### Births.

The number of births in 1937 was 115—65 males and 50 females. The number in 1936 was 157. This gives an annual birth-rate of 11.11 per 1,000 of the estimated population. This is very much below the 1936 figure which was 15.40. The birth-rate for England and Wales was 14.9 for 1937.

### Infantile Mortality.

There were 2 deaths in Infants under 1 year of age. This gives an Infantile Mortality of 17.4 per thousand live births. The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 58. There were no deaths from Diarrhoea in children under two years of age.

### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

#### (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Clinical material is examined at the County Council Laboratories at Wakefield; Milk by Messrs. Fairley and Partner, Leeds (Bacteriologically); Water and Milk by the County Analyst, Bradford (Chemically); Diphtheria Swabs at the Clinical Laboratories, Harrogate.

#### (b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Ambulance facilities for (a) infectious cases are provided by the Harrogate, Knaresborough and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital Committee; (b) non-infectious and accident cases by the Knaresborough Joint Ambulance Committee. These are adequate.

#### (c) NURSING IN THE HOME.

For Health Visiting and School Nursing purposes the District is divided into 7 nursing areas. These are worked by District Nursing Associations. These Associations, in addition to performing Health Visiting and School Nursing Work on behalf of the County Council, undertake Midwifery and District Nursing Work.

The following are the 7 areas:—

Name of Nursing Association.	Area.
Burton Leonard	Burton Leonard and South Stainley
Farnham and Scotton	Farnham, Scotton, Ferrensby. Brearton.
Killinghall	Killinghall, Ripley, and Nidd.
Spofforth	Follifoot and Plompton.



Pannal ... ..	Pannal and Beckwithshaw.
Knaresborough and Goldsbro'	Knaresborough Outer, Goldsboro', Flaxby, Scriven.
Hampsthwaite... ..	Hampsthwaite, Felliscliffe, and Haverah Park

#### MIDWIVES.

There are no Midwives in the employment of the Local Authority other than those of the various District Nursing Associations.

#### (d) **Treatment Centres and Clinics.**

The County Council is the Authority under the notifications of Births and Child Welfare Acts for the whole of the area.

There are no Clinics or Treatment Centres situated in the area, but the Clinics at Harrogate and Knaresborough are open to children from this district.

#### (e) **Hospitals.**

Hospitals are provided by the Sanitary Authority for cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Enteric Fever and Small Pox.

##### *Fever.*

The Harrogate, Knaresborough and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital, situated at Thistle Hill, Knaresborough, provides accommodation for 72 patients. This accommodation at present is sufficient.

##### *Small Pox.*

The Small Pox Hospital, situated in Killinghall, with accommodation for 16 patients, is provided by the Harrogate, Knaresborough and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital Committee.

##### *Tuberculosis.*

The District Council does not provide hospitals for Tuberculosis, but this class of patient is admitted to sanatoria provided by the County Council. One Sanatorium has been erected at Scotton Moor.

##### *Other Hospitals.*

There are no other hospitals in the district. The hospitals available for the area are the General and Special Hospitals, situated in Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, York and the Public Assistance Hospital at Knaresborough.

#### LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Pages 5, 6, 7 and 8,

# **Legislation in Force.**

The Urban Powers possessed by the Rural District Council, and the Adoptive Acts in Force are as follows :—

## **URBAN POWERS.**

<i>Date of Order.</i>	<i>Parishes Concerned.</i>	<i>Particulars.</i>	
14th September, 1878	.. Bilton, Killinghall, Knares- borough Outer, Pannal, Scriven.	... Public Health Act, 1875, Sections 157 and 158.	
12th October, 1895	... ditto	... Public Health (Building in Streets) Act, 1888, Section 3.	
6th February, 1897	... Bilton and Starbeck	... Public Health Act, 1875 :—Sections 25 and 26 ; Section 44 (so much as is not already in force) Sections 47, 66, 112, 113, 114, 115 ; Section 157 (so much as is not already in force) Such of the provisions of the Towns Improve- ment Clauses Act, 1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that Act. Such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to slaughter-houses as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 169, second paragraph. Section 169 third paragraph, and section 170. The Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act, 1888, Sect. 3. The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 . Section 23 (so much as is not already in force.)	5

URBAN POWERS—Continued.

*Date of Order.* *Parishes Concerned.* *Particulars.*

6th February, 1897	... Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer and Scriven	... The Public Health Act, 1875—Sections 25, 26, 47, 112, 113, 114, 115 and such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that Act. The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—Section 23 (so much as is not already in force).
6th February, 1897	... Pannal	... The Public Health Act, 1875—Sections 25, 26, 47, 66, 112, 113, 114, 115, and Such of the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847, as are incorporated with the Public Health Act, 1875, by Section 160 of that Act. The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890 Section 23 (so much as is not already in force.)
18th October, 1897	... Follifoot	... The Public Health Act, 1875—Section 157 (so much as is not already in force). The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890, Section 23 (so much as is not already in force).
19th August, 1898	... Pannal	... Private Street Works Act, 1892—Cross Street, and, the Streets at the back of Hookstone St., Russell St., Grey St., Mount St., Cromwell Rd., Gladstone Rd., Gladstone St., and Leeds St. The Public Health Act, 1875—Section 66.
21st December, 1901	... In those contributory places in the Rural District in which the provisions are not already in force	... The provisions of Section 171 of the Public Health Act, 1875 in so far as that Section incorporates Sections 32 and 33 of the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847.
	In the whole District	...



URBAN POWERS—Continued.

Date of Order.		Parishes Concerned.		Particulars.
31st July, 1902	... Scotton	...	...	Public Health Act 1875—Sections 42, 44 and 157 (so far as are not already in force). Section 169 the second paragraph, which for the purposes therein mentioned incorporates the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to slaughter-houses. Section 169, the third paragraph and Section 170 Public Health Acts, (Amendment) Act, 1890—Section 23 so far as is not already in force).
8th November, 1907	... Those contributory places in the Rural District in which the provisions are not already in force	...	...	Such of the Provisions of Section 157 of the Public Health Act, 1875, as relate to byelaws with respect to the structure of walls foundations, roofs and chimneys of new buildings for securing stability and prevention of fires, and with respect to the structure of roofs and chimneys of new buildings for purposes of health. Public Health Act, 1875—Section 169, the second paragraph, which, for the purpose therein-mentioned, incorporates the provisions of the Towns Improvement Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to slaughter-houses; Section 169, the third paragraph, and Section 170.
19th January, 1912	... In those portions of the Rural District in which the provisions are not already in force	...	...	The Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1890—Sections 29, 30 and 31.
19th January, 1912	... In the whole of the Rural District...	...	...	Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907—Part II.—Sections 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. Part III.—Sections 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 45, 46, 49 and 50. Part IV.—Sections 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 and 67. Part X.—Section 95
6th September, 1912	... In the whole of the Rural District...	...	...	

NOTE : These Sections were applied generally together with section 169 (1st paragraph) in the R.D.C. (slaughter houses) order 1924.

# **URBAN POWERS—Continued.**

<i>Date of Order.</i>	<i>Parishes Concerned.</i>	<i>Particulars.</i>
6th September, 1912	... Bilton, Follifoot, Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, Pannal, Scriven and Starbeck ...	... Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act, 1907— Part II., Sections 15, 16, 17 and 27. Part III., Sections 39, 40, 41 and 42.
1st March, 1921	... Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer and Pannal ...	Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907— Section 19 only as regards the streets and parts of streets described in the Order — 11th March, 1914.
30th October, 1930	... Bilton, Follifoot, Knaresborough Outer, Pannal and Starbeck ...	Public Health Act, 1875, Section 45.
1st July, 1931	... Hampsthwaite, Killinghall & Scriven	ditto ditto
The Rural District Councils' (Urban Powers) Order, 1931, applies certain Sections of the Public Health Act, 1875, and the Amendment Act, 1890, to every Rural District.		

## **ADOPTED POWERS.**

<i>Date of Meeting.</i>	<i>Parishes.</i>	<i>Particulars.</i>
4th November, 1896	... Whole District ...	... So much of the Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, as is specified in Section 50, Part III.
3rd June, 1896	... Whole District ...	... Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889.
6th January, 1926	... Whole District ...	... Public Health Act, 1925—Part II., Sections 20, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34,; Part III., Sections 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43; Part IV., Sections 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50.
4th November, 1931	... Whole District ...	... Public Health Act, 1925, Section 14.
<i>Order.</i>	<i>Parishes</i>	<i>Miscellaneous Orders.</i>
23rd July, 1902	... Burton Leonard ...	... Fixing Scale of Water Charges
17th October, 1903	... Killinghall ...	... ditto.
14th October, 1904	... Follifoot ...	... ditto.
26th June, 1922	... Burton Leonard, Killinghall, Follifoot ...	... Cost of Collection of Water Rates to be Special Expenses.
15th January, 1925	... Knaresborough Outer ...	... Removal of House Refuse—Special Expenses.
16th April, 1926	... Follifoot ...	... ditto.
30th October, 1930	... Bilton, Pannal and Starbeck ...	... ditto.
9th June, 1931	... Scriven ...	... Works of Sewerage outside the District.
1st July, 1931	... Killinghall, Hampsthwaite and	



### **Sanitary circumstances of the area.**

1. *Water Supply*—All the Rural District Council's Area with the exception of Burton Leonard is included in the area of supply of the Harrogate Corporation.

Up to the present date Harrogate Corporation mains have been laid to 12 Parishes, and the Rural District Council provide a piped supply, from a borehole, to the Parish of Burton Leonard. Of the remaining Parishes, three are supplied with water by private undertakers, six are supplied by public and private wells.

During the year 1937 no extensions of water mains have been made.

Ferrensby Village is still without a satisfactory water supply. The well water generally is of a dubious standard, and samples taken for bacteriological examination have shown feacal pollution. The public pump at Ferrensby Village has been restricted. Arrangements are being made for the Harrogate Corporation to extend their mains from Farnham to Ferrensby, towards the cost of which provisional grants have been promised by the Ministry, the County Council and the Rural District Council.

The Parish of Burton Leonard is provided with an abundant supply of water which, however, contains excessive hardness, and the installation of a softening plant and replacement of the existing pumping plant with a larger unit is being considered.

In the Parish of Hampsthwaite several farms at Rawden Lane are still without an adequate water supply. Routine sampling of water for bacteriological examination from public and private wells was carried out, 26 samples being taken, of which 17 showed serious feacal pollution.

Samples of water from private supplies of doubtful purity have been taken during the year and dealt with accordingly.

2. *Drainage and Sewerage*—The following Parishes still require sewerage: Brearton, Burton Leonard, Ferrensby, Kettle-sing, Scotton and South Stainley. Improvement of defective sewers is required in the Parishes of Beckwithshaw Village, Brearton, Burton Leonard, Ferrensby, Hampsthwaite and Scotton.

The sewage disposal works in the Parishes of Hampsthwaite and Killinghall are inadequate.

The construction of new sewers up the Main Street and part of Hollins Lane, and the enlargement of the Sewage Outfall Works at Hampsthwaite should be given early consideration, although a scheme is at present with the Minister of Health. The existing sewers are very defective, being unjointed and thereby allowing excessive infiltration of ground water to take place, which so floods the ground at the Outfall Works as to cause it to be quickly sickened,



During the year 1937 a sewer extension (169 yards of 6 inch pipe) has been carried out at Burton Leonard, which will serve as a branch sewer when the full scheme is laid.

*Rivers and Streams.*—No complaints of pollution of rivers and streams have been received during the year.

*Closet Accommodation.*—The Council have again offered financial assistance towards the conversion of privies into water-closets. It is still advisable for this assistance to be continued as it tends to improve sanitary conditions and also facilitates scavenging.

*Public Cleansing.*—The following 8 Parishes are scavenged by the Council by direct labour : Bilton, Follifoot, Hampsthwaite, Killinghall, Knaresborough Outer, Pannal, Scriven, and Starbeck. The smaller properties of the 14 Parishes which are not scavenged experience difficulty in disposing of domestic refuse in the way of tins, bottles, etc. These Parishes should be considered.

Two covered motor refuse collectors are owned by the Council and the refuse is disposed of by incineration at Thistle Hill, Knaresborough, and by controlled tipping at How Quarry, Pannal.

*Swimming Baths and Pools.*—The River Nidd winds its way through practically the heart of the Rural District's Area, and during the past Summers it has been enormously used by bathers, especially at Ripley Valley, and Roger's Dam in the parish of Plompton. There is a constant flow of fresh water, and it has been deemed unnecessary to obtain samples of the water.

*Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.*—The Camping grounds at Roger's Dam, and Calcutt, Knaresborough, are used chiefly for summer week-end camping, and have been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

### **Housing.**

Particulars of Housing are given in Table D appended.

**Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.**

There were twenty-three cases of Scarlet Fever notified during the year. Five cases of Diphtheria, one of Enteric Fever and twelve of Pneumonia were notified. The Diphtheria cases were traced to a child returning to the district after a visit to an infected area. The source of infection of the case of Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid) I was unable to trace. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Measles or Enteric Fever.

Diphtheria Anti-toxin is provided free by the Council in necessitous cases.

No cases of Undulant Fever were notified.

Owing to the enlargement of the area served by the Isolation Hospital an additional block for Scarlet Fever cases is required.

**Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)  
during 1937.**

DISEASE.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox ...	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	23	21	—
Diphtheria ...	5	5	—
Enteric Fever ...	1	1	—
Puerperal Fever ..	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	12	—	4
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—

*Prevention of Blindness.*

No special action was taken by the District Council for the prevention of Blindness or of persons suffering from any disease of the eyes. No case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum was notified.



## (c) TUBERCULOSIS.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) regulations (relating to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the Milk Trade) or under Section 62 of the Public Health Act, 1925, or section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis).

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	RESPIRATORY.		NON-RESPIRATORY.		RESPIRATORY.		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
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I	...	...	I	I	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	I	...	...	...	..
15	I	2	...	I	...	...	...	I
25	...	I	I	I	...	...	..	...
35	I	...	...	...	...	I	...	...
45	I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	I	...	...	...	I	...	..	...
65 and upwards	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
TOTALS	4	3	2	4	I	I	...	I

Seven new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis and six of Non Respiratory were notified.

## TABLE C.—1937.

Knaresborough Rural Sanitary District.

## NUISANCE INSPECTIONS---

Total No. of Inspections made in 1937, for Nuisances only, 83  
(For Housing Inspections see Table D).

Nuisances found in 1937, 76.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1936, 31.

Total needing abatement, 107; Abated during 1937, 88;  
Outstanding end of 1937, 19.

Notices served—Informal, 73; Complied with, 82.

Notices served—Statutory, 5; Complied with, 6.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings, None.

## REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &amp;c.—

Common Lodging Houses—None.

Houses let in Lodgings—None.

Canal Boats—None.

Knackers' Yards—No. in district, 1; No. on Register, 1;  
Total No. of Inspections made, 11; General Conditions,  
Satisfactory; Legal Proceedings (if any) None.

Tents, Vans and Sheds—No. in district, 2; No. on Register,  
2; Total No. of Inspections made, 4; Legal proceed-  
ings (if any), None.

Offensive Trades—None.

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive  
trades? No.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1937—Burton  
Leonard (169 yards of 6 inch pipe).

Details of any portion of district still requiring (a)  
Sewering—Scotton, Ferrensby, Kettlesing, Burton  
Leonard, Brearton and South Stainley.

(b) Improvement of defective Sewers—Hampsthwaite  
Burton Leonard, Brearton, Scotton, Ferrensby.

No. of houses not connected to sewers? 1042.

Sewage Disposal Works. Particulars of any extensions  
made during 1937—None. Any inadequacy of sewage  
disposal works—Hampsthwaite and Killinghall.  
Any Complaint from West Riding Rivers Board?  
None.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens? 218.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets? 69.

No. of Privies with covered middens? 1,030.

No. of Water Closets? 2,232.

Waste-Water Closets? 1.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1937—(a) as W.C.'s, 11; (b) other, Nil.

No. of Closets, other than Privies, re-constructed during 1937 as W.C.'s.—8.

No. of *additional* Closets provided for old property in 1937—(a) W.C.'s, 4; (b) other, None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1937 for new houses (a) W.C.'s, 125; (b) other, None.

Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies and pails to W.C. System. If so, what? Financial assistance according to merits of each case.

#### SCAVENGING—

Is Public Scavenging in operation throughout the whole district? No.

If not, is it in operation in any part of the area? Yes, in Parishes of Pannal, Follifoot, Starbeck, Knaresborough Outer, Scriven, Bilton, Killinghall, Hampsthwaite. 14 Parishes are not scavenged.

How is refuse disposed of? 1. Destruction—20.5 per cent. 2. Tipping 79.5 per cent; 3. Farmers—None. If tipping is in operation is it on the controlled system? Yes.

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse—£1312 3s. 9d.

#### WATER SUPPLY—

Source of Supply—Harrogate mains to 12 Parishes, K.R.D.C. Borehole to 1 Parish, Private supply to 3 Parishes, public and private wells to 6 Parishes.

By whom distributed—Harrogate M. Borough, 12 Parishes; Knaresborough R.D.C., 1 Parish; Private undertakers, 3 Parishes.

No. of Houses on public supply—Harrogate M. Borough, 2298; Knaresborough R.D.C., 130.

Any extension of supply during the year?

Has supply been satisfactory? Yes. (a) In quality? Knaresborough R.D.C. supply very hard. (b) In quantity, Yes.

Any Examinations made during the year of public and private wells? (a) Chemical—Result, 3 samples, 3 polluted. (b) Bacteriological—Result, 31 samples, 20 polluted.

Have any supplies been restricted or closed? 3 public pumps and 6 private pumps at Hampsthwaite closed. Public pump at Ferrensby restricted,



## MILK SUPPLY—

Are two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922? (a) For Retailers—Yes; (b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes.

Have any Retailers been removed from the Register? No.

## MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936.

1. No. of Licences in force in area for :—(a) Production of “Tuberculin Tested” Milk—5; (b) Production of “Accredited” Milk—18; (c) In respect of Pasteurising Plants—None. Samples of designated milks examined bacteriologically—None.

No. of Milk samples taken by Officers of L.A. for analysis under Food & Drug (Adulteration) Act, 1928—10; No. found Adulterated—None. No. of Prosecutions—None.

No. of Ordinary Milk samples taken by Officers of L.A. for (a) Methylene blue test 6; (b) presence of tuberculosis, None.

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt? None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1937? No.

No. of Cowkeepers in District—274; No. Registered, 216.

No. of Milk Cows kept in the District—2671.

Total No. of Cowsheds—345; Total No. of Cowsheds Inspected during the year—345. Total No. of Cowshed Inspections—654. No. of Wholesale Traders registered—122. No. of Retail Milk Sellers—43, W. & R. 51.

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk—The cowsheds are becoming much improved both as regards structural conditions and general cleanliness, but there is still a general lack of milk rooms.

## MEAT INSPECTION—

Any Public Abattoir? No.

No. of Private Slaughterhouses, 9; Registered, 1; Licensed, 8; No. Unsatisfactory, structurally or in bad position, 1.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned. No. killed—1040 Cattle, 370 Calves, 4,580 Sheep and Lambs, 6,910 Pigs. Number inspected—Cattle, 459; Calves, 78; Sheep and Lambs, 1,345; Pigs, 2,853.

All Diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned.—Cattle, 2; Sheep & Lambs, 3; Pigs, None.

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned—Cattle, 29; Sheep & Lambs, 13; Pigs, 111.

Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than tuberculosis—Cattle, 6.7 ; Sheep & lambs, 1.6 ; Pigs, 3.9.

Tuberculosis Only. Whole carcasses condemned—Cattle, 9 ; Pigs, 5.

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned—Cattle, 46 ; Pigs, 196.

Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis—Cattle, 11.9 ; Pigs, 7.1.

#### OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officer of L.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—None.

Bakehouses, Two ; Any underground ? No ; Total No. of Inspections ? Two.

#### SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District ? 14 ; No. visited by M.O.H. ? 5.

Action taken ? School closure and exclusion of scholar.

Schools closed by M.O.H. ? 4.

#### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of Smoke observations each of 30 minutes taken during 1937 ? 9 ; No. shewing excessive emission of black smoke ? 1 ; No. of Cautions ? 1 ; No. of statutory notices issued ? None. No. of prosecutions ? None.

#### SHOPS ACT 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)—

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1937—24.

Unsatisfactory conditions found—2. Remedied—2.

#### VAN DWELLINGS—

No. in District, 2. Average 100 campers' tents during week-ends in summer.

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase ? Yes. Campers during summer months only.

Any action under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 ? No.

Has any trouble been experienced in controlling this type of dwelling ? No.

#### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS—

No. of Council Houses found to be infested—None.

Other Houses found to be infested—One. No. disinfested—1.

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs ? Sulphur fumigation and spraying with insecticidal solution. Paper stripped and wood-work loosened.

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council Houses? None.

Is the work of disinfection carried out by the local authority or by a private contractor? Owner.

#### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS—

Are there in the district :- (a) Any public swimming baths or pools? None. 2 Private Swimming Pools. Roger's Dam Knaresborough (River Nidd), and Ripley Valley (River Nidd). (b) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public? See above. (c) Any sample of bath examined, apart from samples submitted to the County Bacteriological Laboratory. None.

#### ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE—

See body of Report.

#### BYELAWS AND REGULATIONS—

New Streets and Buildings—1st September, 1926.

Alteration of Buildings—P.H. (A) Act, 1907.

Slaughter Houses—24th June, 1913.

Tents, Vans and Sheds—1st October, 1936.

#### INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions? No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1937? None.

#### INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list? No.

Any influences threatening the health of the district? No.

Any arrangements for Nursing Puerperal Fever Cases?

At Home—No. In Hospital—No.

#### ISOLATION HOSPITALS—

General Infectious diseases? Harrogate, Knaresborough and Wetherby Joint Isolation Hospital, Thistle Hill, Knaresborough.

Any change or extension in 1937—No.

Any other disease (*e.g.* Pneumonia) treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital? Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

Name of authority controlling—Harrogate and Knaresborough and Wetherby Isolation Hospital Committee.

Small Pox—Skipton Road, Killinghall, Harrogate.

Any change or extension in 1937—No.

Name of Authority controlling—Harrogate, Knaresborough and Wetherby Isolation Hospital Committee.



## GENERAL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS.—

- (a) General and Accident? One—Harrogate & District General Hospital, Knaresborough Road, Harrogate.
- (b) Local: Cottage, Hospital? None.
- (c) Maternity Homes? None.

## AMBULANCE SERVICES—

For General Sick and Accident: Location of Ambulance, Fire Station, Iles Lane, Knaresborough; Ownership, Knaresborough Urban and Rural Councils; Type of Ambulance—Motor; Arrangements for Nurse to accompany patient—No; Charges (if any) to patients in district—Yes.

For General Infectious Disease Cases: Location of Ambulance—Thistle Hill, Knaresborough.

Ambulance—Motor; Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient—Yes; Charges (if any) to patients in district—No.

For Smallpox: Location of Ambulance—Skipton Road, Harrogate.

## MORTUARIES—What accommodation?

- (a) for Accidents? None.
  - (b) for Infectious Cases other than at Hospital? None.
  - (c) for other cases? None.
  - (d) for post mortem examinations? None.
- Any suggestions made by M.O.H? No.

## BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory).

Any suggestions? No.

## BURNING SPOIL BANKS.

Any nuisance therefrom? None.

## SANITARY STAFF—

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.? £130.

Name of Sanitary Inspector: Arthur Edgar Westwood Lupton.

Annual Salary as Inspector—£325; Other Appointments held: Engineer and Surveyor. Salary for such other Appointments—£100.

Any Assistants? Two.

Is staff sufficient? No.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health? Yes.

# FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES—

Factories (including Factory Laundries)—Inspections? 7 ;  
Written Notices? None ; Occupiers prosecuted? None.

Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)—Inspections?  
13 ; Written Notices? None ; Occupiers prosecuted?  
None.

Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)—Inspections?  
None ; Written Notices? None ; Occupiers prosecuted?  
None.

Total—Inspections, 20 ; Written Notices, None ; Occupiers  
prosecuted, None.

Defects found in Factories, Workshops and Workplaces, want  
of cleanliness—6 ; Remedied—6 ; Referred to H.M.  
Inspector—None ; Prosecutions—None. Other Nui-  
sances—None ; Remedied None ; Prosecutions—  
None. Total No. found—6 ; Remedied—6 ; Referred  
to H.M. Inspector—1 ; Prosecutions None.

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, section 108, Nil,

(Signed) W. J. FORBES,

May, 1938.

Medical Officer of Health.

## TABLE D.

### HOUSING STATISTICS, 1937.

#### 1.—*Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.*

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing  
defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—Public  
Health—Primary, 58. Housing—Primary, 46. Public  
Health—Re-Inspections, 125. Housing—Re-Inspect-  
ions, 181.

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose—410

- (2) (a) No. of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—46.  
 (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose—46

- (3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action—32.  
 (a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—None.  
 (b) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—32.

2.—*Remedy of defects during year without service of formal notices.*  
 No of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their Officers—44.

3.—*Action under Statutory Powers during the year.*

- A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16, Housing Act, 1936.  
 (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—5.  
 (2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—24.  
 (a) By owners—24. (b) By Local Authority in default of owners—Nil.
- B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts—  
 (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—5  
 (2) No of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—5. (a) By owners—5. By Local Authority in default of owners—Nil.
- C. Proceedings under Sections 11, 13, of the Housing Act, 1936.—  
 (1) No. of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation—13.  
 (2) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—None.  
 (3) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—1.



D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made—None.
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—None.

4.—*Unhealthy Areas.*

- (1) Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto—Burton Leonard (Church Cottages), Clearance Area, 3 houses, 7 occupants, 0.041 acres. Killinghall, No. 1 (Ripon Road), Clearance Area, 5 houses, 14 occupants, 0.07 acres.

5.—*Number of new houses erected during 1937.*

- (1) (a) By the Local Authority—None.
- (b) By private enterprise—116. Total 116.

6.—*Housing Conditions.*

- (1) Total number of houses in the district—3,140.
- (2) No. of working class houses included in above—2,069.
- (3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses.—Housing conditions generally are improving, but there is still a considerable number of houses in need of repair.
- (4) Any special activity in house building? If so, where? Pannal.
- (5) Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority?—Overcrowding. Hampsthwaite 4, Scotton 2, Ferrensby 2, Follifoot 2. Unfit Houses: South Stainley 2.
- (6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Sec. 12, Housing Act, 1936—No.

7.—*Town Planning.*

- (1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which? Harrogate & District Regional Town Planning Committee.

(2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for (a) The whole of the District?—No. (b) Part of the District?—No.

(3) Have Council during 1937 passed a Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? No.

8—Name and address of Officers designated to make inspections under Housing Consolidated Regulations:

ARTHUR EDGAR WESTWOOD LUPTON, (1)  
14, BOWER ROAD, HARROGATE.

HAROLD NIELD, (2)  
14, BOWER ROAD, HARROGATE.

9—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special Houses, or in granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? No.

10—Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding—

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—14.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein—14

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein—82½.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—12.

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—15.

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases—92.

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—None.

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding—Overcrowding has been abated voluntarily in several instances.

(Signed) W. J. FORBES,

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